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RE: U.S. Representative Patrick McHenry to receive National Guard  
Association of the United States *Charles Dick Medal of Merit*

Maj. Gen. William E. Ingram Jr., the Adjutant General of the North Carolina National Guard, will present the National Guard Association of the United States' *Charles Dick Medal of Merit* to Patrick McHenry, United States Representative, 10<sup>th</sup> District of North Carolina during a ceremony scheduled in Shelby, Friday.

The brief presentation will begin at 3:30pm, Friday February 29<sup>th</sup> in the County Commissioner Chamber room in the Charlie Harry Cleveland County Administration Bldg, 311 East Marion St., Shelby, NC.

Representative McHenry has been and continues to be a dedicated supporter of the North Carolina National Guard and advocate for the National Guard of the United States. An example of his dedicated support is his tireless efforts to support additional funding for procurement of equipment and support of military construction for the North Carolina Army and Air National Guard units.

Specifically, in the area of military construction, Representative McHenry served as the primary sponsor of a bill introduced during the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress which supported the construction of the Lenoir Field Maintenance Shop in Lenoir North Carolina. Due to Representative McHenry's tireless efforts the National Defense Authorization Act of 2005 resulted in an appropriation of over \$6 Million dollars for design and construction of the Lenoir Field Maintenance Shop. When completed, this facility will have a direct impact on the maintenance services provided to all Army National Guard units in western North Carolina.

Representative McHenry's contributions to the National Guard have significantly benefited the North Carolina National Guard and will have a lasting effect on the future of the National Guard of the United States long after his tenure as United States Representative for the 10<sup>th</sup> District of North Carolina.

The Charles Dick Medal of Merit is a prestigious award established in 1988 by the National Guard Association of the United States to recognize the contributions to the National Guard of elected representatives at the state and national levels. An individual must have distinguished him or herself over an extended period of time in their support to the National Guard, and their contributions must be such that they will outlast the recipient's term in office.